

Appl. No. 10/665,974  
Response dated May 19, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2006

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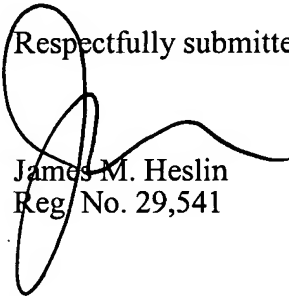
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants thank Examiner Peffley for the courteous and helpful telephone interview held on May 3, 2006. Applicants agree with the summary of the interview mailed by Examiner Peffley on May 11, 2006.

As all grounds for rejection raised in the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2006 have now been overcome, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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